

District, provide for the election of Judge and District Attorney thereof, and define the time of holding Courts in the same, was taken up and read first time.

Mr Palmer moved a suspension of the rule—lost.

On motion of Mr Palmer, a bill defining the seventh Judicial District and the time of holding Courts in the same, was taken up and the amendments of the House concurred in.

On motion of Mr Palmer the rule was suspended and a bill to create the fifteenth Judicial District, provide for the election of Judge and Attorney General thereof and define the time of holding courts in the same was taken up—read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr Palmer, the rule was further suspended—bill read third time and passed.

A bill requiring the return of unconditional certificates to the General Land Office, read third time and passed.

Mr Maverick, by leave, presented the petition of E T Moore, referred to the committee on finance.

Mr Armstrong introduced a bill for the relief of Cling Pearson—read first and second times and referred to the committee on private land claims no. 1.

On motion of Mr Bryan, a bill making a donation of ten sections of land to Robert Wilson for personal services rendered the late Republic of Texas, during her revolution, was made the special order of the day for Monday the 21st inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr Taylor of Houston, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16, 1856.

The Senate was called to order pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr Hill presented the petition of S W Pipkin; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr McCulloch presented the petition of the citizens of Hays county, praying the passage of a prohibitory law; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr Superviele presented the petition of Pedro Villa; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr Weatherford presented the petition of Cling Pearson—referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

Mr McDade presented the petition of H. Fisher; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, chairman of the committee on Public

Debt, to which was referred the petition of sundry creditors of the late Republic of Texas, praying that the late Act of Congress be accepted by the present Legislature, reported the same back, asking to be relieved from further consideration thereof, as the Senate has passed the Debt Act.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, chairman of the same committee, to which was referred a bill for the payment of the third class debt, reported the same back and asked to be discharged in the further consideration of the same.

Mr Flanagan, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill supplemental to an Act to incorporate the San Antonio and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, approved Sept. 5, 1850, and the supplements thereto, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr Hill introduced a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Texas Monumental Committee : read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to incorporate the Henderson Female College ; a bill to create the county of Lampasas, and a bill for the relief of Benjamin F Benton, originating in the House.

Also, a bill, originating in the Senate, incorporating the Brazoria County Insurance Company.

On motion of Mr Burroughs, the rule was suspended, and a bill for the relief of Benjamin F Benton was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr Burroughs, the rule was farther suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr Weatherford, the rule was again suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Martin, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, on a bill for the relief of the citizens of Navarro county, was taken up and made the order of the day for Friday, the 18th inst.

On motion of Mr Pirkey, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, on a bill to legalize the official acts of John H. Smither, as Clerk of the District Court of Bowie county, offering amendments thereto, was taken up, amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Cass, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of Com. E. W. Moore was read second time.

On motion of Mr Taylor, of Fannin, the bill was amended by striking out "except for the loss of the steamship Merchant." The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill directing the payment of certain public debt certificates; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint Resolution concerning the Public Debt, together with the report of the committee on Public Debt, offering an amendment thereto, was read.

Mr Taylor, of Cass, offered a substitute for the Joint Resolution and amendment.

On motion of Mr Palmer, the Joint Resolution and substitute were referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Resolution of the Senate, offered by Mr Caldwell, on day before yesterday, read and rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs Caldwell, Guinn, Hill, Lott, Pirkey, Russell, Taylor, of Cass, and Whitaker—8.

NAYS—Messrs Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Hord, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Milligan, Palmer, Potter, Scarborough, Superviele, Taylor, of F., Truit, Weatherford, White and Wren—21.

Mr Russell, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill supplementary to an Act to define the time of holding the District Courts in the 13th Judicial District, and a bill to incorporate Soule University, correctly engrossed.

Mr Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed—

A bill to legalize the official acts of John H Smither, as Clerk of the District Court of Bowie county.

A bill for the relief of Com. E. W. Moore; and

A bill directing the payment of certain Public Debt certificates therein named.

A bill for the relief of the young men of Red River and Lamar counties, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering a substitute therefor, was read.

On motion of Mr McCulloch, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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THURSDAY, Jan. 17, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr McCulloch presented the petition of Levi English; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No 2.

Mr McCulloch introduced a bill to amend the charter of the